Foods Low in Saturated Fat, Trans Fat and Cholesterol

Food Group	Recommended	Avoid or Use Sparingly
Grains ■ 6 servings or more per day ■ 1 serving = 1 slice of bread or ½ hamburger bun, ½ English muffin or ½ bagel ■ Eat 2 servings of whole grains each day, such as foods with the first ingredient of whole wheat, whole grain barley, whole oats, or cracked wheat, whole rye.	 breads: all kinds (wheat, rye, raisin, white, oatmeal, Italian, French, and English muffin bread) low-fat rolls: English muffins, frankfurter and hamburger buns water (no egg) bagels pita bread tortillas (not fried) pancakes, waffles, biscuits, and muffins made with recommended oils snack chips: choose baked or varieties without hydrogenated fats (trans fats) 	 products made with egg yolks, saturated oils, or whole milk products butter rolls, egg breads, egg bagels, cheese breads, croissants, scones commercial doughnuts, muffins, sweet rolls, biscuits, waffles, pancakes, store-bought mixes (Many of these products contain trans fats.)
Crackers	■ low-fat crackers and snacks: animal, graham, rye, saltine (with recommended oil and no lard), bread sticks, melba toast, rusks, flatbread, pretzels, popcorn (made with a recommended fat), zwieback, Wasa crackers Read labels to avoid hydrogenated fats (trans fats).	 high-fat crackers: cheese crackers, butter crackers, and those made with coconut, palm oil, palm kernel oil or trans fat buttered popcorn
Cereals ■ 1 serving = 1 oz. dry cereal or ½ cup cooked cereal	■ hot or cold cereals: all kinds except granola-type cereals made with coconut or coconut oil	 cereals containing coconut, hydrogenated vegetable fat or animal fat
Potatoes/Pasta/Rice 1 serving = ½ cup cooked rice, pasta, mashed potatoes, barley, kasha (buckwheat), or one small baked potato	 all kinds of potatoes, rice, and pasta (such as macaroni, spaghetti, and noodles) barley kasha and cereals made with kasha (except those with trans fat) 	 pasta or rice prepared with whole eggs, cream sauce or high fat cheese egg pasta chow mein noodles french fries

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Vegetables ■ 3 servings or more per day ■ 1 serving = 1 cup raw or ½ cup cooked	all vegetables and vegetable juices	 vegetables in cream butter or high fat cheese sauces vegetables fried in shortening, lard and/or butter
 Fruits ■ 2 servings or more per day ■ 1 serving = ½ cup juice or canned fruit or one piece of fresh fruit 	 all fruits all 100% fruit juices orange juice with plant stanols/ sterols (a special orange juice with plant stanols/sterols to help lower cholesterol levels) 	■ fruit in cream or custard
 Meat, poultry, fish The American Heart Association recommends no more than 6 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, fish or seafood a day. Note: If you are on the TLC diet, limit cooked lean meat, poultry, fish or seafood to no more than 5 ounces a day. Try to eat two servings of fish each week. 	 fish: Choose fish high in omega-3 fatty acids such as salmon, mackerel, lake trout, herring, sardines, albacore tuna. shellfish: Shrimp and cray-fish have more cholesterol than most other types of fish and seafood. They are lower in saturated fat and total fat than most meats and poultry. beef: lean cuts include top round, top loin, round tip, eye of round, sirloin, tenderloin, flank pork: loin chops, roasts, butterfly chops, sirloin chops, tenderloin, Canadian bacon, ham lamb: chops, leg, roast poultry: chicken, turkey (with skin removed) wild game: venison, wild duck, rabbit, pheasant 	 prime grade of meat, short ribs, spare ribs, rib eye roast or steak mutton and caviar commercially fried fish (trans fat) domestic duck, goose venison sausage organ meats: liver, gizzard, heart, chitterlings, brains, kidney, sweetbreads Avoid battered and breaded products. Avoid frankfurters (hot dogs), sausage, salt pork, bacon and high-fat luncheon meats (salami, bologna, summer sausage). Limit shellfish to no more than one serving each week.

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 Vegetarian meal planning 2 to 3 servings per day 1 serving = ½ cup cooked beans (such as pinto, kidney, black beans, etc.), peas or lentils; 2 tablespoons nuts, seeds or peanut butter; ¼ cup tofu or tempeh; 1 cup soy milk 	■ meatless meals made with beans, peas, lentils, tofu (soybean curd), vegetarian-type burgers, non-hydro-genated peanut butter	
Eggs	 Egg yolks are high in cholesterol. One average egg yolk has about 213 mg of cholesterol. Limit egg yolks to no more than 2 each week. Egg whites or low cholesterol egg substitutes may be used as desired. 	
Milk, yogurt, cheese 2 to 3 servings per day 1 serving = 1 cup milk, 8 ounces nonfat or low-fat yogurt, ½ cup low-fat cottage cheese, or 1 ounce low-fat cheese	 skim or 1 percent milk: liquid, powdered or evaporated buttermilk, drinks made with skim or low-fat milk or cocoa chocolate milk or hot cocoa made with skim or low-fat milk nonfat or low-fat yogurt low-fat cheeses: nonfat or low-fat cottage cheese, cheeses made with part skim milk, such as mozzarella, farmer's, string or ricotta. Cheeses should be labeled no more than 2 to 6 grams fat per ounce. 	 whole milk and whole milk products 2 percent milk custard style yogurt cream, half & half whole milk type cheeses, including colby, cheddar, muenster, monterey jack, havarti, brie, camembert, American, Swiss and bleu creamed cottage cheese, cream cheese

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Soup and combination foods	low-fat soups: broth, bouillon, dehydrated soups, homemade broth, soups with the fat removed	cream soups made with whole milk, cream or high fat cheese
	homemade cream soups made with skim or low-fat milk	
	■ low-fat combination foods: spaghetti, lasagna, chili and Spanish rice are examples of foods that can be low fat if low-fat ingredients and low-fat cooking techniques are used	
Desserts and sweets • Eat in moderation.	■ ice milk, sherbet, frozen yogurt, Popsicles®, fruit ices, gelatins, meringues, angel food cake	 commercially prepared cakes, pies, cookies, doughnuts, croissants, pastries.
	homemade desserts with recommended fats, oils and milk products (Use weekly egg yolk allowance or use egg whites.)	 ice cream or ice cream drinks candy that contains coconut, butter, hydrogenated fat
	vanilla wafers, ginger snaps, fortune cookies, fig bars, anything fat free (Look at the labels. Choose those made without hydrogenated oils.)	
	■ jam, jelly, honey, marmalade, sugars, and syrups	
	 pure sugar candy such as gum drops, hard candy, jelly beans, marshmallows and non- chocolate mints 	

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